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Serial No.: 10/062,112

Examiner: Callie E. Shosho

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For: **INK COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING SALTS WITH POLYVALENT IONS**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants respectfully request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Section 1. Preliminary Statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications, or other information on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified) of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the patentability of the above-identified application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 CFR 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability, or that no other material information exists.

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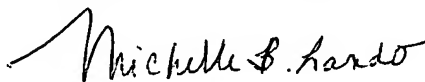
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Legible copies of **all** items listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified) are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner considers completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited patent(s) and publication(s) has (have) been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application; and
3. The citations for the patent(s) and publication(s) be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

Notwithstanding the above, the Examiner is urged to form his/her own conclusions regarding the relevance of each cited reference. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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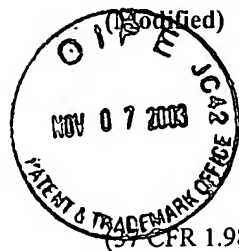
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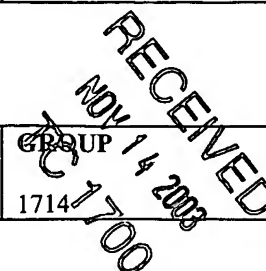
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